

I-405 and Eastside Projects Update

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We want your input on proposed I-405 improvements from Bellevue to Lynnwood

We're planning improvements to I-405 from Bellevue to Lynnwood. As part of the Environmental Assessment of the <u>SR 520 to I-5 Widening Project</u>, WSDOT will evaluate:

- Adding northbound lanes in Kirkland and Bothell
- Modifying ramps at the SR 522 interchange to reduce congestion caused by weaving
- Plans for implementation of a <u>high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes</u> system between SR 520 in Bellevue and I-5 in Lynnwood

As we study how this project may affect social, economic and natural resources in the area, we'd like to receive your input on these issues for formal consideration. If you'd like to provide comments in person or talk with project staff face to face, join us at the public scoping meeting:

- Date: Thursday, Sept. 14
- Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Place: University of Washington Bothell Campus (18325 Campus Way NE North Creek Café)

You can also submit project comments to I-405 Project Environmental Manager Allison Ray at Allison.ray@i405.wsdot.wa.gov or

WSDOT 600 108th Ave NE, Suite 405 Bellevue, WA 98004 Attn: Allison Ray

We'll formally consider comments received or postmarked by Sept. 27 in our project planning process.

We want your input on plans to ease congestion on northbound I-405 in downtown Bellevue

We're planning improvements to I-405 in downtown Bellevue. In the <u>NE 8th St to SR 520 Braided</u> <u>Crossing Project</u> we plan to

- Build new structures to separate northbound traffic exiting to SR 520 and downtown Bellevue traffic entering I-405, and
- Add an eastbound lane along SR 520 to separate the on and off-ramp traffic between I-405 and 124th Avenue NE.

As we study how this project may affect social, economic and natural resources in the area, we'd like to receive your input on these issues for formal consideration. If you'd like to provide comments in person or talk with project staff face to face, join us at the public scoping meeting:

• Date: Wednesday, Sept. 20

• Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Place: Bellevue City Hall (450 110th Ave NE, Room 1E-108)

You can also submit project comments to I-405 Project Environmental Manager Allison Ray (see contact information in section above).

We'll formally consider comments received or postmarked by October 16 in our project planning process.

Check our community calendar for public meetings in your neighborhood.

Construction continues on I-405 Kirkland Nickel Project

Nearly five months into construction of the <u>I-405 Kirkland Nickel Stage 1 Project</u>, crews are paving the new southbound I-405 lanes and shoulder between NE 116th and NE 85th streets. We plan to open these new southbound lanes this fall. We're also preparing the new northbound I-405 lanes and shoulder for paving.

We're building a new northbound exit ramp to NE 116th Street slightly to the east of the current ramp so we have room to widen the freeway, and soon we'll switch traffic to this new ramp. We plan to pour concrete for the new I-405 bridge decks over NE 116th Street soon, and we'll be building new walls adjacent to the bridges.

On the environmental improvements side, we recently completed drilling the 78-inch diameter culvert that will improve fish passage under I-405. We're currently constructing other environmental improvements, including new and enhanced wetlands at Forbes Lake.

I-405 travel options

We're <u>helping you get around</u> during I-405 construction. Use the <u>online trip planner</u> and take advantage of additional service in Kirkland: new Metro route 644, expanded Metro route 255.

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